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Prophetical DREAM.

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To the Perusal of the J—ge and J—y at
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Daniel viii. 2. *And I saw in a Vision (and it came to pass when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the Palace, which is in the Province of Elam) and I saw in a Vision, &c.*



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Siberia, before whom the Rivers are
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To the Right Honourable

**The Lord PRESIDENT
IN
NORTH BRITAIN.**

My LORD,

PERMIT me with all Respect
and Humility, to offer to your
Serious Consideration the follow-
ing Hints relating to our present Com-
motions; we have been for some Time
past, not only groaning under the Bur-
den of a Publick War with some neigh-
bouring Nations, but even an unnatural
Rebellion against His Majesty, the best
Prince in *Europe* (owned even by his
Enemies) and consequently against our
Religion and Liberties, which with
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him is inseparably Connected; it's surprizing, that the Flame of that Commotion should have been permitted to extend so far, ere it was extinguished: But the Almighty King of Kings, who is Wise in Council, permitted it so to be, for the more effectually convincing that excluded and restless Pretender to His Majesty's Throne, our Rights and Liberties, that he is not only excluded therefrom by the Laws of the Nation, but even by the Laws of *God*, who was pleased to employ as a proper Instrument in his Hand a Branch of His Majesty's Royal Family, I mean the Duke (the best General in the World) for extinguishing these Flames, and who by his Valiant Spirit has cut off and put to Flight these restless Disturbers, whose deep Schemes had been laid for the utter Ruin and Destruction of this our Nation.

Give me leave to acquaint your Lordship, that this Rebellion has in *South Britain* been chosen as a proper Handle to the Reproach of those in the *Northern* Parts thereof, especially by those

those of the lower Classes; and not only the People, but even the *Presbyterian* Principles as established in *North Britain*, are brought under Reproach. A *Presbyterian*, my Lord, is by the most Part of the Vulgar here looked upon the same as a *Roman Catholick*, and 'tis alledged, that it is by Virtue of a *Presbyterian* Spirit, that the Rebellion has been formed in our Country, notwithstanding 'tis certain, that it's the quite opposite, as it has been carried on by those who pretend to own the Forms of another Church, and who wants to be the Ruin of your established Church (this in general speaking.)

Notwithstanding that this is the Case, and that one of a Hundred in our Country, has not so much as given Countenance to that Rebellion; yet we are all brought under the same Denomination in almost every Company in this Country. But as it has pleased *God* whose Statutes and Precepts you have made your constant Rule in Publick and Private Life, he has pleased to chuse you as a proper Person to be Instrumental, not only in

checking the Spring of that Rebellion, but even in stopping the Mouths of many People here, as it is universally known that your Lordship was singularly instrumental in preventing the thoughtless Flights of Multitudes, who were prevailed upon to forget their Allegiance to his Majesty; and as this is so well known, and that you are constant and fixed in your Principles of Religion, namely, a *Presbyter*, the very Certainty of. This has stopt the reproachful Mouths of Thousands in *South Britain*. The Fame, my Lord, of your Name, as exemplary for Piety and Devotion, as wise and prudent for establishing and executing good Laws for the good of Society, has yielded universal Satisfaction to every Person who has any Regard to the Laws of *God*, or the Nation. The various Opinions, Animosity, and Heart Burnings, which prevail in our Country, has weakened the Christian Love which in former Times has shined amongst Professors of Religion: Notwithstanding the Honour of universal Approbation and Affection continues among all Ranks

Ranks and Denominations to your Lordship, which is a Fact very singular. The Obligations your Countrymen are under to you, I cannot, and will not attempt to demonstrate; only, as I am a Stranger to your Lordship, I judge it my Duty to return you my sincere and hearty Thanks for the singular Service you have done us in the above particular, *viz.* In stopping the Mouths of so many People who have taken Pleasure in spending their Time to our Reproach.

My Lord, these Troubles were no Way surprizing to me, when I considered the Decay of Religion in *North Britain*, and the Irreligion which prevails in the *Southern* Parts thereof. The one is degenerated into Party and Faction: The other into Superstition and Atheism, accompanied with every Act of Wickedness which Hell can invent; were your Lordship to hear the common Oaths in this Place, to see the Profanation of the Lord's Day, the Whoredom and Profanity, the Guttony and Drunkenness, with all kind of Wickedness, putting the Almighty himself to a Defiance (as I in
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my particular Station am so misfortunate as to be Witness unto) I doubt not but you would wonder that *God* has not e'er now given us a final Stroke by one or other of his Judgments, which to be feared will be our Fate e'er these Troubles be over, and nothing but infinite Mercy could have spared us so long as we have been.

Permit me further, my Lord, to demonstrate to you, that among the many Provocations we have given *God* to load us with Plagues and Judgments, this may be supposed not one of the least, namely, the Wickedness and Indolence of those who should execute those good and wholesome Laws which are in force against Irreligion and Profanity in this Nation. Judges and Magistrates, &c. who have taken the Oath of *God* upon them, and will encourage Wickedness by conniving therewith, or by committing those Sins which they should even suppress in others, must be reckoned one of the greatest of Crimes, both in the Sight of *God* and Man.

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Permit me therefore, my Lord, with all Respect and Humility, to lay at your Lordship's Feet, the following vulgar sincere and disinterested Request, attempted by one who is very sensible that nothing yields you more Pleasure than standing up for the Interest of your heavenly Lord and Master, which is much deserted in our Days.

May it please your Lordship (in the Way and Manner you in your great Wisdom shall think proper) to inform his Majesty, that the Design of the Laws of the Nation, however good and wholesome, are in a great Measure defected by the Indolence of those who should put them in Execution; and that it is absolutely necessary at this present Time to enquire into the Manner of the Execution thereof. After which Enquiry, it is not doubted but his Majesty will see that we have given *God Almighty* just Ground to afflict us; yea, even to strike us with Judgments more terrible than Death, and will in his Wisdom cause the Vices of this Age to be suppressed in a more effectual Manner than has been for many Years last past. My

My Lord,

The good Opinion which upon many
Accounts I have entertained of you,
and your Readiness to serve your
Generation, has inspired me to
make this Attempt. Earnestly wish-
ing that the Blessings of Heaven may
be multiplied more and more unto you,
and that as you have been honoured to
serve your King and Country in a
conscientious and exemplary Manner,
so may you, your Family and Interest
be blessed of God, is the earnest Prayer
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My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Humble, and

Most Obedient Servant,

London,
July 1746.

J. B.

A Native of North Britain.

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The J—s and J—y at S—*hw*—*k*,
before whom the R—s are to a—r.

GENTLEMEN,

THE particular Character with which you are at present invested, induced me to represent to your perusal the Vision of a Dream, which some Months past occasion'd various Thoughts within me, being much afraid that what is herein vulgarly represented is too applicable to our own Nation; and as we have now, by the kind Providence of *God*, many of our bosom Enemies brought to Trial, 'tis not doubted but you who are in a particular Manner therein concerned, will discharge your Duty and Conscience, by an impartial Judgment, as in the Sight of that *God* before whose Throne of Judgment we are all to appear.

When I consider the original Standard of this Nation, and the great Laws and Rules therein contained, and compare the Practice and Manners of the People in this Place therewith; I cannot perceive

but the original Spring and Cause of our unhappy and unnatural Rebellion may be supposed to have been even here, and as the Flames thereof has in some Measure affected our whole Nation, I sincerely wish that every one may consider what they in their particular Station have done to inflame, or otherwise to extinguish it; which if considered, I fear many a one who will never be charged before Judge or Jury, will by their own Consciences judge themselves guilty: But it is with us as with a natural Body, if only a Limb or two are mortified with a cancerous Humour, it is but cutting them off and the Patient may do well; but if the whole Mass of Blood is tainted, Death is inevitably just; so in our unhappy Country; if only a Rank or two of the People were infected with the Epidemical Madness of the Times, there might be some Hope that by executing Justice upon some open Transgressors, we might be brought to Shame and Reformation; but alas, what will that do without the Power of wholesome Laws, or good Examples; but who shall execute that Law, or who shall set before us a good Example?

Whether it was a Dream, a Vision of the Night, or a Vapour in the Head, whether it was Men or Spirits which talked together

together I cannot determine; but one Thing is certain, that while I was in Bed I perceived myself in a foreign Country, where I heard a Scheme laid for the Destruction of a certain Nation and Country which shall be nameless.

The Conversation was as followeth, viz.

F. Sir, we are now going to destroy, overturn, and bring to ruin, a strong and powerful Nation and People.

D. How do you propose to gain that great Enterprize?

F. By sending out our Fleets and Armies against them.

D. But Sir, they are a strong and powerful People, their Fleets in particular are more powerful than ours, and the Consequence of such an Enterprize may prove very fatal; so that we have great Need to consider what we are doing before we move one Step in that Affair.

F. These Things are all considered, and its known that they have great Strength both by Sea and Land, yet consider what Kind of Officers they have; are not many of them young raw School-boys, &c. &c. &c. And who needs be afraid of an Army disciplined and commanded by such Officers as them.

D. But have you considered the Nature of that People, the Religion they

profess, and the Object which they Worship?

F. Yes, and I am certain they are a divided and luxurious People in general, and their Chiefs groaping at settled Salaries and Places from the Court to themselves or to their Friends, which seems to be their principle Motive; and as to the Object of their Worship, they pretend to worship the *God* of the *Heavens*.

D. Is not that the *God* who has defended his People in all Ages and Generations, often delivering them when no such Thing could be expected, to the Ruin and Destruction of their Enemies? Let us therefore consider what we are doing, lest we be found fighting not only against them, but that *God* whom they serve, and who then will be able to deliver us out of their Hands!

F. You need be in no Fear as to that, for tho' they profess to serve that *God*, yet it's certain that they practically deny him, and act contrary to their professed Principles.

D. Sir, I wish you may be well informed ere you take up any such Notion against them, for they are a People engaged to the strictest Attention of the Precepts of that *God*, and many good Laws are established amongst them for
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encouraging Virtue and discouraging Vice. Yea, they read a Part of his great Laws in their Churches every Day, and distribute the Sacraments monthly, a publick Testimony at once, of their adhering to the Doctrines and Laws he has commanded Men and Women to regulate their Lives and Actions by.

F. But do you know how their Life and Conversation is carried on, how different from their professed Principles their Actions are? If you knew this, you would be surprized that *God's* Patience is yet lasting, and that they are not swallowed up by some dreadful Judgment or other, ere this Time.

D. Pray Sir, are they a People more wicked than all other Nations? — Pray what have they done which makes them so deserving of *God's* Judgments as you seem to assert?

F. To pave the Way for an Answer to you, I shall presume first to ask you a few Questions, and they are as followeth.

Is there a *God* in Heaven?

D. Yes.

F. Has he given Laws and Rules for the Life and Manners of the Men and Women in this lower World?

D. Yes.

F. Has he revealed his Will by his immediate

mediate Voice, or by Angels, by glorified Saints, or Saints here on Earth, or has he delivered it in Writing?

D. He delivered it by Prophets and Apostles, and it's handed down to us in Writing, under the Character of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

F. Has that People chosen that Book for the original Standard of the Nation, and are these good Laws you speak of confirmed by the Authority of that Standard?

D. Yes.

F. Is it in the Power of those in Authority both in Church and State, to cause these good Laws to be put in Execution against such as are Transgressors, and to regulate the Manners of the People?

D. Yes.

F. Then give me Leave to ask you a few Questions further.

Suppose their spiritual Guides are as much given to Covetousness as any Set of People, and no Signs of Religion seen about them, or Concern about the Souls of their People (especially the poorer Sort) and instead of making it a free Gospel, make Merchandize of their Livings; instead of distributing of their Fulness to those in Want, does shut their Bowels against the Poor; instead of declaiming
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against Sin and scandalous Persons, does wink at the Transgressors; instead of charging home the Duty of Magistrates, &c. doth encourage Indolence and Sloth. In short, when they are observed to own no Part of Duty but the set Form which secures them in their Livings, reforms from no Vice but that which has a Chance of depriving them of their Salaries, and spending the most Part of their Time in hunting after Preferment and earthly Treasures, contrary to the peremptory Command of God, the same God they profess to serve.

And if their Judges and Magistrates, &c. notwithstanding the Oath they came under, are found lazy and indifferent about the Discharge of their Duty, are found as guilty of the Vices of the Age as any Set of Men whatsoever. Instead of discouraging and suppressing Vice, does make a Mock of Sin, and give Countenance and Encouragement to the Transgressors. Instead of shewing a good Example to others, does despise all divine Ordinances; yea, every Thing that is sacred or serious, &c.

And if their vulgar People, instead of reverencing the great and dreadful Name of the God of Heaven, do make their common bye Word, and baffle off his
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Name in such a scurrilous Manner as they would not presume to do of their Prince or Chief. Instead of praying for the Blessings of Heaven to themselves and their Fellow-creatures, are they not always, yea, even in common Conversation, calling out, or rather charging *God* as by Authority to damn them Soul, Blood, and Body. Instead of regarding an Oath, are not many vowing the one Day and acting contrary the other? Instead of one Man and one Woman enjoying one another in a marriage Life, are they not making their Bodies Tools and Slaves to Whoredome? Instead of going to the Ordinances of *God* and reverencing the Sabbath, are they not despising the Sabbath and the Ordinances of *God*, as not worth Notice?

Not to mention Particulars, is there any the least Shadow of Religion, or a particular Acknowledgment of a Deity amongst them? Have they not only forsaken the *God* that made them, and the *Saviour* which offers them a Share in his purchas'd Redemption, but even despised the very Name and Profession of Christianity? Is not their Children (in general speaking) trained up and disciplined for the Devil's Service, and Universities Nurseries for Luxury, and all Manner of Wickedness which accompanies it, &c. &c. &c.

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Now if these few undeniable Truths be but granted me, then it must consequently follow, that those People have given just Provocation to that *God* which they profess to serve, reverence, and worship, not only to deliver them into the Hands of their Enemies, but even to fight against them himself, and to destroy them from ever being a People called by his Name any more; yea, it must be owned by every Person that reads the Scriptures impartially and forms a Judgment thereon, that *God* may as soon cease to be *God*, and the Scriptures from being his revealed Will, as to suffer that People to pass without some remarkable Stroke of his Displeasure.

It is amazing to me, that *God* has not ere now commanded the Earth to open her Mouth and swallow them up quick, or sent Fire down from Heaven to consume them. And there is no Method they can take which will prevent their being destroyed, either by Sword, Famine, or Pestilence, but their speedy Repentance and turning to that *God* from whom they have deeply revolted; and as that *God* has it in his own Power to punish them with any Plague or Judgment, who knows but even our Sword may prove the Instrument by which he will correct them.

them. Let us therefore Discharge our Duty, and quit ourselves like Men; there is no Sign of their Reformation, they seem to be altogether confident of themselves, and if the *God* of the Heavens doth not interfere, we may flatter ourselves with a thorough Victory over them:

D. *God* forgive your Sir, Do you look upon that People as the only wicked People upon Earth? Are not other Nations as wicked as they, and even our own Nation, if you will rightly consider, so that *God* may as justly punish us for Sin as any other Nation or People under the Heavens?

R. But that People are honoured with the Light of the Gospel, and has enjoy'd many signal Favours from that *God* which many Nations never enjoy'd; yet they have in Contempt of all Laws, Divine, Civil, and Ecclesiastical, acted in Courses of Wickedness, putting Heaven itself to a Defiance, and trusting to themselves for the conquering of other neighbouring Nations. Let us therefore, as I said before, exert ourselves, go forth and make Victory against them.

D. But Sir, if I am to go forth against them in the Battle, my Life and my All is at Stake; I hope therefore you will excuse me to say, that if they break

break off from their Courses of Wickedness, and rely upon God for Assistance, that it is as possible to prevail against Heaven as against them.

F. Do you suppose that God who governs the Nations, sits in Heaven as an idle Spectator, and will not be revenged of a People whose Wickedness has come to such an Height, as even to attack his very Being, Perfections, and Attributes? Let us therefore go out against them, for we shall never have a better Opportunity, while they and us are a People.

D. Sir, I will comply with your Proposals; but this I insist upon, that if they by Faith in Jesus do apply to God for help, and reform themselves from their evil Ways by speedy Repentance, then we have a great Chance, instead of conquering them, of being all cut to Pieces before them, and even laid as Dung upon the Face of the Earth.

F. You need be in no Fear as to that, for they are in general speaking (some well meaning Ladies excepted) as void of Religion as any People under the Sun; nothing is more despised by them than the Principles of Religion to which they were engaged in Baptism; yea, has not the Angel of the Bottomless Pit many Friends amongst them, which stand up
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in almost every Company, pleading for Vice, and justifying the Enemies of God. And you will not find in the Book of God, that ever a People who arrived at the same Pitch of Wickedness as they have done, did escape a Stroke of God's Vengeance in destroying them. Therefore let us be doing, we have a fair Chance of cutting them off from ever being a Nation or People any more.

Upon which they agreed, and caused Report to their Armies, how that Nation has arrived at such a Pitch of Wickedness; namely, Swearing, Cursing, Whoring, Drinking, Sabbath-breaking, and all Manner of Wickedness which could be invented in the Breast of Man, to provoke God Almighty to Wrath against them, and this they did for an Encouragement to their inferior Officers, &c.

To what Nation or People this may be apply'd, or how the Dream may be interpreted, I shall leave to your superior Judgments.

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